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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 27-32 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicants CANCEL claims 1-20, 25 and 26.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner indication that claims 27-32 are allowable.

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baigetsu (US 5,080,763). Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-20, and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arikawa et al. (JP 02-139934). Claims 1 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arikawa (JP 2-139934) in view of the Applicants' Admitted Prior Art (AAPA).

Applicants have canceled claims 1-20, 25 and 26. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the prior art rejections of claims 1-20, 25 and 26 cited above are moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 27-32 are allowable, as indicated by the Examiner.

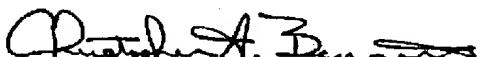
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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